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Dear Ms. Hesse:

As a resident of the state of Iowa, I have been closely following the antitrust case pitting the state attorneys general, including Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller, and the federal government against Microsoft Corporation. I am writing to express my support for an end to this already lengthy and costly case.

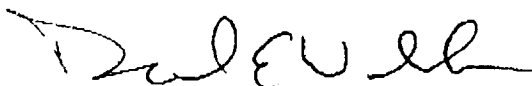
Since nine of the states and the U.S. Department of Justice reached settlement on this case, it is time to put the issue to bed. The settlement is fair and was reached in good faith. Millions of tax dollars have already been spent fighting a battle that in my opinion didn't even need to be fought.

I believe that the timing of the government's case against Microsoft came at an inopportune time for our technology economy. The lawsuit against Microsoft, a company known for creating and improving products that make our personal and business lives easier and more efficient, stunted the growth and development of new and improved products that end users like me crave.

I suspect that our Department of Justice has bigger fish to fry in the months and years ahead in our war on terrorism. Microsoft was and continues to be successful because of the form of government and economy that in recent months has made us so proud and patriotic. I encourage the federal government and the attorneys general to finally put an end to this case.

I appreciate your consideration of this letter. I welcome your response.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Walsh